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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.21, please substitute for claims 4, 8-11, 13, 15, 18-21, 23, 24 and 27, the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. Please insert new Claim 28. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Versions with Markings to Show Changes Made."

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4. (Amended) A cell according to Claim 1 characterised in that said pluripotential characteristic includes the expression of at least one selected marker.

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2 8. (Amended) A cell according to Claim 1 characterised in that said pluripotential characteristic includes the presence of telomerase activity.